

MDR Tracking Number: M4-03-4634-01

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 3-21-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT codes: 63047, 22625 and 20975.

II. FINDINGS & RATIONALE

DOS	CPT CODE	Billed	Paid	EOB Denial Code	MARS (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement)	Reference	Rationale
12-10-02	63047	\$4000.00	\$1770.00	F	\$3400.00 X 50% = \$1770.00	Surgery GR (I)(D)(1)(b)	Operative report supports service rendered reimbursement of \$1770.00 is recommended.
	22625	\$2529.00	\$0.00	A	\$X 50% = \$1264.50	Surgery GR (I)(D)(1)(b)	The requestor did not list lateral fusion on the preauthorization request. They listed posterior fusion. The insurance carrier gave preauthorization approval for "Lumbar Laminectomy with Fusion." Since they did not limit approval to posterior, preauthorization was obtained. \$1264.50 is recommended.
	20975	\$500.00	\$0.00	A	\$455.00	Invasive electrical stimulation	The procedure is not one of the scheduled principal procedure and does not require preauthorization. Reimbursement of \$455.00 is recommended.
TOTAL							The requestor is entitled to reimbursement of \$3489.50

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT codes, 63047, 22625 and 20975, in the amount of **\$3489.50**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$3489.50** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 14th day of January 2005.

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Medical Review Division